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ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS COSTLE

REFS: A. MOSCOW 9515, B. BYRNES-STROTHER TELCON OF JULY 5

1. SCIOFF MET WITH NOVOZHILOV AND KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET ON JULY 6
TO DISCUSS COSTLE VISIT TO USSR. KAZAKOV PROVIDED SEVERAL
CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY WHICH EMB SENT TO EPA IN REF A.
CHANGES ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:

JULY 9- THERE WILL BE A BRIEF WELCOMING CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT.
ACADEMICIAN AND MRS. IZRAEL WILL HEAD SOVIET WELCOMING PARTY.
(POLCOUNS WILLIAM BROWN AND SCIOFF BYRNES WILL REPRESENT THE
AMBASSADOR.) AFTER CEREMONY MR. AND MRS COSTLE WILL DRIVE TO
SPASO HOUSE IN ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL'S CAR. THE EXCURSION AROUND
MOSCOW, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 1800, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.
DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL HAVE FREE TIME BEFORE DINNER, WHICH
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REMAINS AT 2100 FOR THOSE WHO ARE STAYING AT THE HOTEL ROSSIYA.

JULY 10- MORNING TOUR OF KREMLIN REMAINS UNALTERED. HOWEVER,
INSTEAD OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE PUSHKIN
MUSEUM, HYDROMET PLANS TO TAKE THE ENTIRE DELEGATION TO THE
MONASTERY AT ZAGORSK. HYDROMET WILL ARRANGE VISIT TO ZAGORSK
CATHEDRAL DURING A SERVICE SO THAT THE DELEGATION CAN HEAR THE

SINGING OF ITS FAMOUS CHOIR. IN ADDITION, KAZAKOV STATED THAT HYDROMET WILL ARRANGE TOUR OF ZAGORSK SEMINARY AND ATTEMPT TO SET UP MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP OF ZAGORSK. DINNER WILL BE AT AN UNNAMED RESTAURANT IN ZAGORSK. (SOVIETS WERE UNENTHUSIASTIC WHEN SCIOFF MENTIONED COSTLE'S DESIRE TO HOST DINNER ON JULY 10) JULY 11 - MEETING AT HYDROMET AT 1000 WILL INCLUDE ALL THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP COCHAIRMEN-ABOUT THIRTY PEOPLE IN ALL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TIME FOR MORE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. COSTLE, ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL' HAS ASKED COSTLE AND A FEW ADVISORS TO COME TO HYDROMET AT 0900 INSTEAD OF AT 1000. MRS COSTLE'S PROGRAM FOR JULY 11: AT 9:30 MRS. COSTLE WILL VISIT THE PUSHKIN MUSEUM AND IN THE AFTERNOON SHE WILL TRAVEL TO ARKHANGEL'SKOE.

2. SOVIETS PROVIDED NO CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO COSTLE'S PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW.

3. HYDROMET CONFIRMED THAT ALL INTER-CITY TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW, EXCEPT FOR THE RETURN FROM LENINGRAD TO MOSCOW ON JULY 16, WILL BE IN A PRIVATE AIRPLANE. SOVIETS UNDERSTAND COSTLE'S DESIRE THAT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION BE ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS. NOVOZHILOV STRESSED, HOWEVER, SOVIETS HOPE THAT DURING ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL'S VISIT TO THE US NEXT YEAR THE EPA WILL BE ABLE TO COVER INTERNAL TRAVEL OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION- AS A RECIPROCAL MEASURE FOR THE PROVISION OF PRIVATE FLIGHT IN THE SOVIET UNION. (NOVOZHILOV LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED THAT HYDROMET HAD TO REIMBURSE THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR THE USE OF THE PLANE.) NOVOZHILOV COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT NECESSARILY REQUESTING THAT PRIVATE PLANE BE FURNISHED THEM IN US. IF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TRAVELS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS WITHIN THE US, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD HOPE THAT EPA COULD PAY FOR THE TICKETS. SCIOFF PROMISED TO RELAY THIS SOVIET CONCERN TO COSTLE AND NOTED THAT QUESTION OF FUTURE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH COSTLE DIRECTLY.
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